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FYI... hoping this dies down, but you might want to share with Frank. We may need to say more about what happened at some point.

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Do you care to discuss? Or is it too early?

Cheers, R.

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The EPA stole music from Yoshi's Island DS for a pro-recycling Flash game

The music has since been removed

Makena Kelly Feb 20, 2019, 2:32pm EST



Nintendo

The US Environmental Protection Agency stole music from a Nintendo title to play in the background of an educational flash game, according to *GameInformer*.



The EPA's *Recycle City Challenge* takes players through several scenarios and asks them questions like "What's in a zero waste lunch?" or how can a café "upgrade their lights?" Children would select the most energy efficient answers and win tokens if they got them correct. But seasoned Nintendo-lovers will recognize a familiar tune from *Yoshi's Island DS* playing in the background of the game.

A spokesperson for the EPA confirmed that the song was used and has since been removed from the game.

"The 'Recycle City Challenge' game was created for EPA by a contractor," an EPA spokesperson told *The Verge*. "We are looking into whether the contractor received permission to use the music, to the extent permission was necessary in this instance."

Nintendo did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Yoshi has faced a difficult couple weeks with rumors circulating online that he has previously committed tax fraud. Those rumors were later confirmed by internet sleuths who dug up past gameplay of Yoshi in Fortune Street asking to "be exempt from paying taxes." Now would be the ideal time for him to un-cancel himself and allow the the US government to license his music while taking a stand as a pro-recycling figure in gaming.